DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

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Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Correction of Date for the Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Seventh Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Effective Date: September 20, 2010.

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Correction of the Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

On August 9, 2010, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) published in the Federal Register a notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of the seventh antidumping duty new shipper reviews for certain frozen fish fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam covering the period August 1, 2009, through February 15, 2010. See Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews, 74 FR 74441 (August 9, 2010). The Federal Register notice incorrectly stated that the preliminary results are currently due on January 17, 2010. The correct due date for the preliminary results is actually January 17, 2011.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 777(i) of the Act.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office

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Request for Comments on Incentivizing Humanitarian Technologies and Licensing Through the Intellectual Property System


ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is considering pro-business strategies for incentivizing the development and widespread distribution of technologies that address humanitarian needs. One proposal being considered is a fast-track ex parte reexamination voucher pilot program to create incentives for technologies and licensing behavior that address humanitarian needs. Because patents under reexamination are often the most commercially significant patents, a fast-track reexamination proceeding would allow patent owners to more readily and less expansively affirm the validity of their patents. Therefore, the opportunity to utilize a voucher for a fast-track reexamination proceeding could provide a valuable incentive for entities to pursue humanitarian technologies or licensing.

The USPTO is requesting comments from the public regarding this proposal as well as other incentive proposals set forth in this notice.

DATES: Comment Deadline Date: To be ensured of consideration, written comments must be received on or before November 19, 2010. No public hearing will be held.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet addressed to HumanitarianProgram@uspto.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, marked to the attention of Joni Y. Chang. Although comments may be submitted by mail, the USPTO prefers to receive comments via the Internet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO is considering a fast-track ex parte reexamination voucher pilot program as an incentive to stimulate technology creation or licensing that addresses humanitarian needs. Under the proposed pilot program, a fast-track ex parte reexamination voucher would be offered to patent holders demonstrating humanitarian uses of patented technologies. This voucher could then be used on any patent owned by the patent holder or transferred on the open market. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) currently has a similar voucher program for fast-track review in place. Under this program, the FDA awards priority review vouchers to entities that develop drugs to treat neglected tropical diseases. Recent legislative proposals such as the Creating Hope Act, S. 3697 (2010), on rare childhood diseases shows a desire on the part of Congress to expand such efforts. The USPTO is also exploring ideas for other strategies that would use the patent system to incentivize activity addressing humanitarian needs.

Fast-track ex parte reexamination proceedings would be given the highest priority, such that an examiner would take any necessary action in a reexamination proceeding as if the proceeding were the next item in the examiner’s queue. In addition, the USPTO would accelerate the time for which fast-track ex parte reexamination proceedings are handled by the USPTO (i.e., examiner and the Board of Patent

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Inquiries regarding electronic filings should be directed to the Patents Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866–217–9197.